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An effort is being made to establish a library for railroad men in Buffalo.

There were seven hundred less deaths in Monterey, Mexico, during 1884 than during 1883.

While filling a water-tank in a passenger-car at Altoona, Pa., the other day, workmen found in it a trout eight inches long.

A temperance society in Boston has just resolved that the use of tobacco for the gratification of the appetite is "a sin against God and humanity."

The "lady" craze crops out in an advertisement in a New York paper which says: "A young lady would like position as dish washer in a restaurant."

It is reported that Queen Victoria has never eaten a piece of cake. This accounts for her exemption from the general rule, "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

The California legislature is considering a bill requiring scratching of tickets on election day to be done with ink. It is considered as in the interest of the manufacturers of the fountain pen.

on spouse another. The marrying of these fellows to ladies able to support them will tend to abolish the hand-organ nuisance.

"Blood will tell, sir; blood will tell," said Mr. Oldfamily, proudly. "Yes," asserted his friend, Malthy; "no will beareth. You may eat cloves and chew snake-root till you burst, and then your breath will give you dead away the minute you go into the house."

Chattanooga, Tenn., has grown from

A German scholar has coined the term *Wunderkind* on his wife's head, and says she is only one inch 128,000 to the inch. The only thing which inclines us to doubt this story is the fact that as a rule the counting is done by the other sex on the husband's head, but no figures have heretofore been given except in round numbers.

A young gentleman who was pledged to take a young lady to a party remarked on the afternoon previous to the event, "I am going home to get a good sleep in order to be fresh for that." "That's right," she replied, "but don't

The *Guantanamo* (Ga.) Press makes the following astounding announcement: "Numerous diamonds have been found in our country of princely value, and are in existence to-day, adorning the bosoms or fingers of American people. We know of one picked up in our streets a few weeks since, for which the owner has been offered \$3,000."

The tender skin suits for the freely retail expedition were made in New York City by the government of \$5 apiece. At a recent sale, a speculator of New York city bought them for \$5 apiece, and it is said he has now sold almost all of them at from \$10 to \$50 apiece. They have been bought as curiosities, and also to be converted into rugs.

great attainments will soon be married to a deaf and dumb gentleman who lives in New York. He is a highly educated young man, and the ladies of the city are anxious to marry him. He has learned the hand language so well that she converses with him as easily as with anybody. The history of their engagement is quite a romance, says *The Laclette Journal*.

The council of the Onondaga Indians has just been elected for the coronation of a new civil chief in place of James Rubin, who died suddenly while driving a team of horses on Jan. 12. Representatives from all the tribes are present. In accordance with the custom in the absence of such a vacancy, the name of the person upon whom the choice of the council has fallen will not be disclosed until next month.

Some valuable hints to those who wish to visit the South, and who want to duly impress the natives of that part of the country, are given by *The Lincoln (Nebr.) Journal*: All persons going south this winter should be prepared to meet the feelings of the southern people, in making up their estimate of their visitors, are

While the ice carnival may bring visitors to the rest of Montreal, it is not popular with the other cities in Canada. The *Star* columnist declares that Americans in general, through ignorance of nothing save snow-shoes, toboggans, and ice palaces, get up the nose of the Canadian people of this country," with nine months of winter weather. "Not one out of a hundred of the people of Ontario," says *The Canadian*, "knows what a toboggan is like, and nine out of a thousand use snow-shoes."

Hash has saved the lives of a great many people—by their not eating it. Hash is a noun, common—in boarding houses, in restaurants, in hotels, in the declension, neuter gender, singular number. Shakespeare had it in mind when he wrote of "mincing matters." "Hashing" is like a good many other things that are not what they seem to be. Many people object to it, when they are not in reality accustomed to anything better. Those who are continually eating for food are not sharp enough to discern which is really fine food, and which is coarse and unwholesome.